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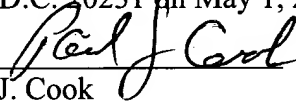
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PERFLUORINATED THERMOPLASTIC POLYMERS

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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office action of February 6, 2003, please enter the  
following amendments and remarks. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 7-23.

Claim 1. (Original) A hollow fiber porous membrane made of a  
perfluorinated thermoplastic polymer having an essentially skinless surface on at  
least one surface and an IPA flow time of less than about 3000 seconds.

Claim 2. (Original) The membrane of Claim 1 wherein said membrane is  
asymmetric.

Claim 3. (Amended) The membrane of Claim 1 wherein the IPS flow  
time is less than about 2000 seconds.

Claim 4. (Amended) The membrane of Claim 1 wherein the IPS flow  
time is less than about 1500 seconds.

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